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Free Bus Fares Offered in Dulles Corridor

Starting July 14th, 2002, certain bus fares in the Dulles Corridor are free! The free ride program includes these FAIRFAX CONNECTOR routes:

425	427	553	574	585	922
924	926	927	929	951	952

The free bus routes are part of the Bus Fare Buydown program, which is focusing on the Dulles Corridor to encourage motorists driving through the corridor to try transit instead. The Bus Fare Buydown program is a promotion funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia to increase Metrorail ridership by lowering the fares on bus routes that serve Metrorail stations. The program offered free rides in the I-95 corridor last year.

The free fares are expected to remain in effect through June 2003.

In addition to the free fares which start July 14th, another set of Dulles Corridor bus routes will enjoy free fares between November 25, 2002 and January 20, 2003. These FAIRFAX CONNECTOR routes currently cost \$.50, but starting November 25th, they will be free for 3 months: RIBS 1, 2, 3 and 4, 504 (a new route to be instituted on 9/29/02), 505, 551, 552, 556, 557, 605, 950, and 980. Route 984 is being replaced by Route 504 on 9/29/02.

For more information, bus route maps or schedules, call the FAIRFAX CONNECTOR Information Center at 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608, visit the Web site at www.fairfaxconnector.com, or visit the Connector Stores at Tysons-West*Park Transit Station, Reston East @ Wiehle Park & Ride, or Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride.

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